ber, Harry Jacobs of Elba had been real good so far And, that's when Sam Cooper's facility and equipment as he can. Currently, the restaurant closes at involvement with the business training the employees and getting 9 p.m. each night.

"My brother-in-law owns one most important task is to work on and every customer has given us." Harry gave him a call to see if he The most important thing for us ing daylight savings time, I think was interested in buying it." Cooper to do is offer quality service and the extended hours will be benefier-in-law mentioned it to me and I good food," Cooper said. "That's cial to the customers which is why I

Cooper officially took over as He added that the restaurant has each night."

He finished high school in Kinston who have asked me to be sure not to to come. and has lived in the Basin Commu-change those two things," Cooper nity with his family since around

have two sons, Jody. 24, and Greg. At this point, the only major.

change he said he is looking at The Dairy Queen has been a part "We've had a very good reception making is an extension to the hours. of the City of Elba for many years, and a lot of positive comments from He said in the near future, he is and the business recently experi- the people of Elba," Cooper said, "I looking to extend the hours on Sunenced a change when a new owner know there is a lot of turnover in day through Thursday from 9 a.m. this business, but I think we've done until 9:30 p.m. On Friday and Saturday nights, he said the dining the lead man at Elba's Dairy Queen, Cooper said there are several lit-room will be open from 9 a.m. until but Jacobs decided he was ready to the things he wants to work on with 9 p.m. and only the drive-thru will give it up towards the end of 1999, the business such as upgrading the be open from 9 p.m. until 10 p.m.

uniforms for the employees, but the "We appreciate the business each said Cooper. "And, especially dur-

really important to work on daily." am looking at staying open later owner of Elba's Dairy Queen on always had a good reputation for Cooper said he has really enjoyed the chicken and cole slaw, and he his time as owner of Elba's Dairy Cooper was born in Enterprise wants to keep that reputation. Queen thus far, and he plans on



UNDER NEW LEADERSHIP...The Elba Chamber of Commerce recently welcomed the new owners of the Elba Dairy Queen into the business industry with an official ribbon cutting ceremony. Several local officials and individuals were on hand for the ribbon cutting to show their support for Elba's newest business owners. Those present were (from left to right): Jimmy Harrison: Kaye Whitworth, executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce; and raised in the Ino Community. "There have been some people staying at the helm for several years Doris Matthews; Dawn Austin; Rev. W.L. Peterson; Elba Mayor James Grimes; Sam Cooper, owner; Molly McGuire, Little Miss Elba; Timothy Williams; Betty Cooper, owner; Valiece Moore, Miss Elba; Winzell Gray, Elba city councilman; Tonya Jones and Herby McCall.





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## Ann Linton recently appointed as new Elba Postmaster

# Elba COC plans 2nd Annual Sausage Festival for May 13

The Elba Chamber of Commerce will be plenty of fun and games for ill sponsor the 2nd Annual Old the whole family, children's activiime County Fair and Sausage Festies, children's competitions, live val on May 13 at Tiger Stadium entertainment, arts and crafts, conthe campus of the Elba School cessions and lots more. Tickets will stem. The day's activities will be sold at the gate only. Everyone egin around 10 a.m. and continue is invited to join the fun. roughout the afternoon. There

Wiregrass United Way announces availability of 2000 Venture Grants

The Wiregrass United Way has received and considered in April innounced the availability of year—with decisions to be made in May. 2000 Venture Grants for organiza- Award decisions will be announced tions and agencies serving residents in June. Actual distribution of venn Coffee, Dale, Geneva and Henry ture grants will not begin until July.

Wiregrass United Way venture ested in applying may obtain the grants are one-time grants for spe- application packet by contacting cial expenditures not included in Connie Pate, area manager for Cofhe regular budget. Equipment and fee and Geneva counties, at the program supplies are examples of Wiregrass United Way office in uch expenditures. Any not-for- Enterprise at 393-1072; Danny profit agency or organization, or Tarter, area manager for Dale overnment entity with Coffee. County, at the Wiregrass United Dale, Geneva or Henry County citi- Way office in Ozark at 774-3319: gen's participation may be eligible or Sam Jones, allocations commit-

The volunteer Allocations Com- Wiregrass United Way office in mittee for Coffee, Dale, Geneva and Dothan at 792-9661. Applications Henry counties will award venture will be accepted through Friday, grants. Applications will be April 28.

tee chair for Henry County, at the

Agencies and organizations inter-

### Legislative Breakfast to be held at Elba First Baptist Church on Friday

The Elba Chamber of Commerce will host a Legislative Breakfast or riday (TOMORROW), April 14, at 7 a.m. at Elba First Baptist Church, State Representative Terry Spicer will be the speaker. For more informaon, call the chamber office at 897-3125.



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She has been with the Postal Ser- Alabama National Guard. Their ice for 23 years and has worked in children are Lori and Hank Gilmore mson, Daleville, Ozark, New of Samson, Chris and Carli Linton Brockton, Kinston, Geneva, Brew- of Samson and Jody Linton of on, Opp and Coffee Springs. Lin- Dothan. The Linton's also have on has experience as a city carrier. three grandchildren. Chase and ural carrier, clerk, supervisor and Lorin Gilmore and Connor Linton. "My door is always open to the She the daughter of Erma Jean people of Elba and I look forward Cooper and the late Orell Cooper of to serving as your Postmaster," said Samson and resides in Samson Linton.

# Gladys Yelverton seeking Democratic nomination for probate judge

Gladys H. Yelverton, a resident of Elba, announced her intent to run on the democratic ticket for the job of Coffee County Judge of Pro-

Yelverton received the degree of Juris Doctor from Jones School of Law, Montgomery, Ala. She also holds an Associate degree from Enterprise State Junior College, a Bachelor and Master degree from Troy State University and an Education Specialist degree from the University of Alabama. For the past 5 and a half years, she has been practicing law in Dothan. "I believe that I am well

prepared for the job that I am now seeking." Yelverton said. "I eyed the job of Judge of Probate six years ago and decided not yet. Now tor, I believe that I have learned the mitted, dedicated, and trustworthy with people.' numerous legal documents that are School Board for two years and a entrusted to the care of the probate member of the Elba City Council

Having been employed as a guid- 12 years. She has been a Red Cross ance counselor at Enterprise State volunteer, a United Way worker Junior College for 17 years, a high and a board member of the Human school counselor at Carroll High Resource Development Corpora-School in Ozark for one year, an tion. Yelverton has served in several elementary teacher at Daleville Ele- leadership roles for various commentary School for six years and munity and professional organizaan adjunct instructor at Troy State tions. University. "I have met, served and worked with a diversified popula- Please See JUDGE Page 3 tion," she said. "As a retired educa-

for office of circuit clerk

Stanley H. Walker, former princi-

pal of New Brockton High School,

has officially announced his candi-

dacy for the Office of Circuit Clerk

of Coffee County. Walker is seek-

ing the nomination of the Democra-

Walker has been a resident of

Coffee County since 1975. After

spending several years in the field

of education in Georgia and Pike

County, he came to the Coffee County School System where he

spent 23 years at New Brockton

before retiring. He and his wife,

Sharon, have two children, Sandra,

who is the Director of Community

Relations for the Winette County

Chamber of Commerce in Georgia,

Enterprise. The Walkers attend

ton where they both teach Sunday

Coffee County.'

and Stan, who practices law in

tic Party in the June 6 primary.

I offer to the citizens of Coffee skills and developed the self-disci-County, myself, a prepared, compline that allows me to work well the work that must be done within been a part of Yelverton's life. She the probate office, but has prepared was a member of the Elba City

in education and Troy State Univerperson that is not only familiar with Community service has always sity. Her education includes a BS degree and graduate work in accounting and business administration from Troy State University. She has completed the 50 hour and Water and Electric Board for requirement (by law) of newly elected commissioners and will receive certification for completing the 120 hour program with Alabama Local Government Training Institute through Auburn University in June. "I wanted a clear understanding of my position as commisbeen a major project. The entire sioner ethically and responsibly." Commission has supported this Westbrook said. "The courses have effort and the capable Board of been very informative. Road build- Directors has done a great job. This ing, Ethics, Economic Develop- will be available to all systems that

Stanley Walker officially enters race Budgeting are a few of the subjects Authority has not been created to taught. It took time, but I feel the do away with the existing systems, increased knowledge has enabled but to help them to bring tax dollars me to better serve District One in back to our county as they are Coffee County government.

and a half years, Westbrook stated,

students are invited to attend the ceremony.

the Elba Chamber of Commerce at (334) 897-3125.

fee County Water Authority has

First Baptist Church of New Brock-Walker said he has always had an interest in community affairs and feels that he can make a contribu-"The office of Circuit Clerk tion to the people of Coffee County touches the life of virtually every by serving as Circuit Clerk. He citizen of Coffee County," said said that his extensive administra-Walker. "It must provide efficient, tive training and experience would courteous and dependable service be an asset to this office and ultito the people and organizations it mately to the people of Coffee

serves. I feel that I am both capable County and qualified to fill the position of Walker pledges that if elected, Circuit Clerk, and I am eager to "He will serve with integrity, fairbegin working for the citizens of ness and dedication."





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### JUDGE RULES FORMER JPO IS COUNTY EMPLOYEE .5 million lawsuit against county pending

The way has been cleared for a and later terminated.

The lawsuit was filed early in bation office in the matter; howev- his ruling in the case. 1999 by former juvenile probation er, all the funds were recovered or Judge Gordon ruled that officer (JPO) Eva McGrath-Love. accounted for. It is the contention of the lawsuit thought to be an employee of the county commission.

that McGrath-Love was not given a state instead of the county. grievance hearing before the county McGrath-Love's attorney, Paul acknowledged the fact that missal by Judge Blair. Judge Blair had fired McGrath- process.

by Marvin MclLwain, Editor first, she was relieved of her duties ee of the state or the county. After as chief juvenile probation officer all local judges recused themselves from hearing the matter, it was \$1.5 million lawsuit against the No criminal charges were ever assigned to retired Circuit Judge Coffee County Commission to pro- filed against McGrath-Love or any William R. Gordon, of Montother employee of the juvenile pro- gomery County. Last week he made

McGrath-Love was in fact an She was fired from her job as a JPO According to Coffee County employee of the county because she in November of 1998 by District Commission Chairman Kayo was employed by the juvenile court Judge Steven Blair who presides Lewis, McGrath-Love was not and not the district court. He noted over both the district court and granted a hearing before the county that the payroll for the juvenile propersonnel board because she was bation office is handled by the In his ruling, the judge further

commission following her dis- Young, contends that she is a coun- McGrath-Love had been required to ty employee and is entitled to due sign an acknowledgement of the county's drug-free policy and to Love shortly after a state audit The matter was placed in the consent to further stipulations se revealed a shortage in office funds courts for a ruling as to whether or forth in the policy. She was also totaling approximately \$1,500. At not McGrath-Love was an employ- provided a county employee handbook and allowed to participate in the county's group health insurance

> Since the judge's ruling, the county commission has instructed its attorney to contact McGrath-Love's attorney and set up a time for a grievance hearing. This comes almost 1-1/2 years after Mrs. McGrath-Love was terminated. The initial \$1.5 million claim

> > Linda Westbrook formally

announces her candidacy for re-

election for the District One Seat

on the Coffee County Commission.

Coffee County, is a 1963 graduate

of Opp High School, attended the

University of Montevallo majoring

Westbrook, a life long resident of

against the county asks that in addition to the money, McGrath-Love will offer the people of the area Westside Baptist Church in April 21, beginning at 6:30 p.m. be reinstated to her job or given a an opportunity to celebrate the Elba; job with the county with similar most common Christian belief 6:00 a.m. - Bluff Springs Bap- Several events are being

Linda Westbrook seeking re-election

ment and County Administration & would like to be a part of it. The

When asked what has been her maintenance. We were the only

major contribution the last three county in Southeast Alabama that

"I believe the formation of the Cof-Please See SEAT Page 3

Area Happenings

COUNTY BOE MEETING The Coffee County Board of Education

will hold its monthly meeting, Thursday (TONIGHT), April 20, 2000.

COMMISSION MEETING The Coffee County Commission will

hold its bi-monthly meeting Monday, April 24, 2000, at 9 a.m. in the

Community Room located in the County Complex in New Brockton.

D.A.R.E. GRADUATION The Elba Elementary School's D.A.R.E.

program will hold its graduation exercises on Friday, April 28, at 9:00

a.m. in the school's cafetorium. All parents of the graduating D.A.R.E.

SAUSAGE FESTIVAL The Elba Chamber of Commerce invites one

and all to join the crowd and the fun at Tiger Stadium in Elba on Satur-

day, May 13, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. for the Second Annual Old Time

County Fair and Sausage Festival. There will be plenty of games &

activities for the young and the old to include: a tug-o-war contest, a

sack race, children's competitions, children's activities, arts and crafts,

recipe contests, a car show, etc. A gospel singing will follow the festival

beginning at 5 p.m. For more information, contact Kaye Whitworth at

at 6:30 p.m. in the board room of the Central Office located in Elba.

needed for repairs, extensions and

to District 1 seat on Commission



The youngsters at The Young World of Learning Kindergarten & Day Care are all excited about the coming weekend and the prospect of finding that

Although hiding and hunting Services are being planned for church in the Pine Level Comeggs is a common symbol of Sunday, April 23, at the follow- munity Easter, there are several early ing churches: morning Sunrise Services 6:15 a.m. - A Community- held at the New Brockton Unitplanned by local churches which wide Easter Sunrise Service at ed Methodist Church on Friday,

tist Church in the Bluff Springs planned for April 20 thru April

Community;

6:00 a.m. - Newbia Baptist at the Elba United Methodist Church in the Newbia Commu- Church.

Good Friday Services will be

The public is invited to attend.

23 in observance of Holy Week

Have a safe and happy Easter 6:00 a.m. Mt. Olive Baptist Celebration!

company of a man driving a blue

youths make up the stories con-

### Disappearance of local teenagers results in the arrest of an Opp man

by Marvin MclLwain, Editor Panama City area possibly in the

The joint investigation between Ford Mustang convertible. Investithe Coffee County Sheriff's gators believe the two youngsters Department and the 12th Judicial was never any further from their Circuit District Attorney's Office home than the neighboring county has revealed the case of the missing (Covington) Lamb teenagers was fabricated, and It is believed that Mr. Bales was all the details of the event were instrumental in helping the two

completely unfounded. An Opp man, Kenny Lee Bales. cerning their disappearance. 44, of 2583 Hudson Road, has been Allegedly, Bales also traveled to arrested and charged with two Florida and mailed two letters - one counts of interference with custody. from each of the teenagers - to help He was arrested in connection substantiate their stories. with the disappearance of Ashley 
The investigation revealed that Tanay Lamb, 15, and David Adam Bales is an acquaintance of the two teenagers were reported missing by hoax

The young boy returned home under the age of 18 from the lawful safely on his own on April 6. His custody of its parent, guardian or sister was located by authorities other lawful custodian." and returned to her parents on April Bales has been released on two

Lamb, 14, of the Basin Community children's parents; however, the located south of Elba. The two parents had no involvement in the their parents on March 30 initiating Title 13A-6-45 Code of Alabaan extensive search of the immedi- ma's definition of Interference of ate area by local authorities. The Custody is as follows: "A person search eventually spread into commits the crime of interference neighboring counties and into the with custody if he [or she] knowingly takes or entices:(1) Any child

(2) \$20,000 bonds following a David initially told authorities hearing before District Judge that he believed his sister was in the Steven Blair last Thursday.

### Kenneth Carnley announces candacy for Commissioner District Three

Kenneth Carnley officially announced his candidacy for the office of Coffee County Commissioner District Three.

Carnley has been a life long resident of Coffee County being born and raised in the District Three area. He is employed by Carnley Farms and serves on the Coffee County Cattlemen Board of Direc-

Kenneth is married to Dianne Rhodes Carnley, and they have three children, Adrian, Jerimy and Andrea. They also have one daughter-in-law and two grandchildren. The Carnleys are members of Ino Baptist Church.

"I am not running for politica status but to serve and represent my as, all of Coffee County," said difference.



neighbors in District Three, as well Carnley. "I believe I can make a

sons and daughter-in-law: Ralph

Brockton; four grandchildren, three

Pre-need funeral

planning now

### **EDITORIAL**

### BRAINSTORMS With Ferrin Cox

The 30 day period for comments on the proposed location for the new Elba post office building is running now. It began on April 10th when the notice was posted on the inside door of the existing post this correction by re-running the "I have worked hard for the citioffice. It had been our understanding that the postal service would article less the picture) advertise the location in The Elba Clipper but on Tuesday morning Robert G. Stephens, currently the citizens of Coffee County durof this week the Atlanta office corrected our thinking. If anyone is serving as a member of the Coffee ing the years that I have served on for the next ten years for programs interested in commenting to the post office department, they need County Commission, made it offi- the Coffee County Commission." like after school care, libraries, o get the information off the copy of the letter posted in the post cial on qualifying day. March 7. stated Stephens. "I feel that my road building, and economic develoffice. As noted in this column last week, the recently announced that he would seek re-election to experience and increased knowl- opment incentives," states Repre-Number one location is on Claxton Avenue, next to The Peoples the Commission from District 3. edge of county government will sentative Terry Spicer (D - Elba). Bank. As noted above, the 30 day comment period started on April Stephens, a lifelong resident of enable me to better serve the coun-10th. Since the day the decision was first made public, we have not Coffee County, is a veteran of ty residents." heard one complaint about the location. There are, however, still World War II, having served four He added, "I pledge to be honest, forms as soon as possible." some local citizens who would rather the facility be located on the years in the U.S. Air Force as a conservative, yet progressive, and According to US Census Bureau, 203 Bypass . . . . . frankly we are not in that group.

The Elian Gongalez case (this is the little Cuban boy who is the center of a political battle) has turned from the mighty government He is a retired businessman and me. I will always work within the their forms (target is 54%), and "We risk losing hundreds of milbeing in control to the U. S. family of the child being in charge. farmer and is a deacon in the First stated wishes of the people and for Enterprise residents have returned lions of dollars, urgently needed for That happened because the government blinked after giving the rel- Baptist Church of Elba. He is a what is best for the people." atives in Miami a deadline to turn him over to his father (or some-member of the Lions Club, Alaba-Stephens is married to the former 63%). Overall, 57% of Alabamians programs for the elderly and disone). Now the issue is probably back where it was a month ago, and ma Cattlemens Association, Ameri-Martha Frances Dowling, a lifelong have returned their questionnaires, abled, and much more," explains lawyers on both sides are making fat fees to keep a political debate can Legion, V.F.W. and Alabama resident of Coffee County. in U.S. federal court. What will happen? It is anyone's guess, but Farmers Federation. apparently the majority of Americans think the boy's rightful place He serves as a director of The points to the many improvements in According to the Governor's federal funds will go to residents of is with his father, even if that is in Cuba.

It is a bit early to celebrate, but at the end of last week the video agency handling grants for cities appreciates the support of the peopoker bill is on it's death bed in Montgomery . . . . at least for this session of the legislature. However, having watched the lobbyists for the backers of the measure work, it is never completely dead as long as the lawmakers are in session. As regular readers of this column remember, we supported the governor's lottery bill, which was defeated by Alabama voters. Our personal position is that the voters of Alabama have spoken. We now take the position of supporting something decided by the greatest form of government (with all it's ugly warts) that is . . .a Democracy, where you get government of the people, by the people and for the people.

There is a letter to the editor in this issue of The Elba Clipper addressing the tragic death of young Kacy Lee Clark. Emotions are still running high following her death . . . throughout the Wiregrass, but especially high among those who best knew this young lady, who obviously was a class act. Second guessing the actions (or lack of actions) taken is something we have no intentions of getting into here today nor next week. The arguments over what should happen in these situations have been argued all over the United States and no clear direction has ever emerged. We have long known that Monday morning quarterbacking always brings out many opposing ideas and thanks to our American freedoms, we are free to express em openly. There is no doubt what position those closest to the victims of such a situation as happened with Miss Clark always take, and understandably so because we would feel the same way. But listen to those debates for long and there almost always is the case of the bad guy who was let go in the chase and managed to kill someone else before being caught as in the case of the Houston County lawyer who was allegedly killed while jogging by a drunk hit and run driver who was out of jail on probation from a previous DUI case. His family is surely wondering why this man was ever let out of jail in the first place. The bottom line is that this is a twoheaded monster that will not go away tomorrow nor when Kacy Lee Clark has faded from the headlines. The ache will still be in the hearts of her family and friends, just as it will be in the hearts of the families and friends of so many other good folks who are now with their God. Somewhere there must be an solution to prevent such terrible deaths and still protect society from the bad guys, but it obviously is not as simple as adding 2 + 2.

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# Robert Stephens seeking re-election to From the Desk of:

(Editor's Note: A potion of Mr. Directors for the Southern Alabama Representative Terry Spicer Stephens' news announcement Regional Council for the Aging Encourages Coffee County Resiwas left off in a carry-over to which is responsible for the Senior dents to Return Census Forms page three in last's week issue of Citizens Centers and furnishes The 2000 census is in mailboxes The Elba Clipper. We regret the money and meals for the operation across Alabama, but Coffee County error and are pleased to make of this program.

Elba Police Report

dents: five forgeries, five thefts of TUESDAY, APRIL 11 - Distur-

property, one property recovery, bance on Carver Drive (1:31 a.m.);

one property damage, one domestic Coffee County EMS dispatched to

disturbance, two harassments, two a wreck at Wayne Farms (5:25

The following arrests were made: Jail (12:44 p.m.); Coffee County

one for public intoxication, one for EMS dispatched to a residence on

resisting arrest, and one for assault. Harper Drive (6:33 p.m.); Alarm at

seat belt violation, nineteen for (7:56 p.m.).

while driver's license are suspend- (12:48 p.m.).

Daily activity highlights for the Farris' office (12:12 p.m.).

speeding, five for driving without

ed, one for an improper tag, two for

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lowing 2nd Monday-6 p.m. - City Hall •GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP-eve

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COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION

· LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues - 6:30

p.m. Senior Citizen Center
• ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD -

· AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Thur

Monday of each month- 7 p.m. BAND BOOSTERS - 1st Mon. -

. Band Room @ Elba High School VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER -

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· COFFEE COUNTY COON

HUNTERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m -

COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN -

ay at noon, City Hall Conference Room

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day 7 p.m. - Elba Airport -Driscoll hanger •ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB - Mondays

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\*WOODMAN OF THE WORLD

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nth @ 7:00 p.m. at the Woodman

nonth at the ZC Fire Departmen

st Thursday night - 7:00 pm of each

3rd Wed. Noon-Colony Inn. Enterprise

• AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 1st Tue

Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-

MASONIC LODGE 170 - 1st & 3rd

-2nd & 4th Monday - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brock-

First First Baptist Church Fellowship Ha
• ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. - Tue

ouse: 4th Tues. 12:30-1:30. Call FREE

week were as follows:

beginning Monday, April 10, 2000, (7:46 a.m.); Routine activity.

pilot, including 18 months over- to be responsible to all of the citi- Coffee County residents have only seas. He saw action in Italy with zens of District 3. I will always returned 58% of its census forms. person not counted this year Alabathe 15th Air Force flying combat remember that the office belongs to The target return rate is 64%. Elba ma stands to lose \$6,750 dollars or the people and does not belong to residents have returned 51% of more over the next 10 years.

Commissioner Stephens proudly return rate goal. Southeast Regional Planning and District 3 over the years that he has Office, the 2000 census will be other counties and states." Development Board, this being the served. He states that he deeply used to determine the distribution If assistance is needed or forms and counties in this area. Coffee ple of this district over the past funds annually over the next sus Bureau at 1-800-471-9424. County and its cities and towns years and, with their continued suphave been able to receive millions port in the upcoming election, is that more than 73,000 Alabama resof dollars in grants through assis- confident that even better days are idents were not counted. For every at http://www.census.gov.

tance of this board. He also serves on the Board of

investigated the following inci-

burglary, and one assault.

missions over Europe.

District Three Seat on County Commission State Representative Terry Spicer

residents are below the targeted zens of District 3, as well as all of mine the amount of Federal dollars fills out and returns their census

60% of their forms (target rate is schools, libraries, roads, bridges, lagging heavily behind its 67% Representative Spicer. "Unless we

Rep. Terry Spicer

achieve a full count, our share of

# ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the Dawkins, Destiny Patterson, and following patients admitted during Lizzie Pope. The Elba Police Department, residence on Forrest Lake Drive

conduct, one resisting arrest, one (11:38 a.m.); Coffee County EMS Donaldson, Linda Johnson, Geral- Jerry Moore. dispatched to the Coffee County dine Puckett, Demier Hill, Gladys

the time period of April 11, 2000 Persons discharged during the through April 17, 2000. They were: same time period were: Devorian Victor Legg, Aaron Daniels, Judy Wilkerson, Eunice Watson, Arthur McCormick, James Faulk, Eunice Ott, Teresa Miller, Ramona Parks, Watson, Jim Lashley, Ramona Regina Warren, James Faulk, Jim Parks, Arthur Ott, Menefee Cren- Lashley, Aarron Daniels, Lillie shaw, Will Dean, Lillie Johnson, Johnson, Will Powell, Will Dean, Callie Carr, Inez Weeks, Mary Fannie Brooks, Judy McCormick, Bryan, Minnie Matthews, Earnest Earnest Harris, Menefee Crensahw. criminal mischiefs, one DUI, one a.m.); River stage - 3.57 (6:12 Harris, Fannie Brooks, Jerry Mary Bryan, Minnie Matthews, public intoxication, one disorderly a.m.); Disturbance on Carver Drive Moore, Evelyn Knotts, William Inez Weeks, Linda Johnson, and

Siegelman's Liaison to the realize that the Census is also used week were as follows: sixteen for (7:12 p.m.); Alarm at Hardee's Bureau of the Census) first obtaining a driver's license, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12 - River nately, many Alabamians have not that more than 73,000 Alabama restwo for violation of the child stage - 3.50 feet (6:10 a.m.); Coffee yet been counted. As of today, only idents were not counted. For every restraint law, three for an expired County EMS dispatched to a resi-56% of Alabama residents have person not counted this year. returned their Census question- Alabama stands to lose \$6750 or tag, two for driving while driver's dence on Brunson Circle (9:44 license are revoked, one for a.m.); Coffee County EMS disimproper passing, one for driving patched to the Elba Dairy Queen driver's license not in possession, THURSDAY, APRIL 13 - River across the state. one for no driver's license, one for stage - 3.42 feet (6:15 a.m.); Wreck The attached map shows the we achieve a full count, our share response rate for each Alabama of federal funds will go to residents DUI, and one for obstructing dri-reported on Putnam Street (11:31 a.m.); Minor wreck reported at Dr.

equal to or greater than the state find other revenue sources to proaverage. Those counties shaded vide vital services. MONDAY, APRIL 10 - River FRIDAY, APRIL 14 - Possible lavender or red are below or far Alabama residents who may have stage - 3.70 (6:50 a.m.); Alarm at a prowler reported on Guyton Street below the average. As you can see, lost their form or need assistance (5:10 a.m.); Alarm at Weeks' Tire Company (5:15 a.m.); River stage - Madison. 3.60 feet (6:25 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence

37% in Wilcox to a high of 65% in number: 1-800-471-9424. on Farris Street (5:00 p.m.); Wreck for planning, economic develop- phone at 334-242-5525 or by ereported on Gray Street (6:36 ment, and proportional representa- mail at lchilders@adeca.state.al.us

SATURDAY, APRIL 15 - River stage - 4.58 feet (6:22 a.m.); Disturbance reported on Claxton Avenue (3:48 p.m.); Alarm at Weeks' Tire Company (5:26 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on AL Hwy. 166 (8:09 p.m.); Alarm at The Big/Little Store - West (8:17 p.m.).

SUNDAY, APRIL 16 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on AL Hwy. 87N (2:36 a.m.); River stage - 4.55 feet (6:14 a.m.); Routine activity.

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to determine the distribution o Census 2000 is vital to Alaba- more than \$185 billion in federal ma's economic future but, unfortu-funds annually. In 1990, we believe naires. Since the mail-back portion more during thE coming decade. of the Census campaign will soon We risk losing hundreds of millions come to a close, I thought you of urgently needed dollars for might be interested in seeing how schools, libraries, roads, bridges your county compared to others and programs for the elderly and disabled, and much more. Unless county. Counties shaded yellow or of other states. Meanwhile, the green have responded at a rate Alabama Legislature will be left to

the rate varies widely from a low of should call the following toll-free If you have questions about the I know you understand how Census or need additional informaimportant accurate Census data are tion, feelfree to contact me by tele-

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

desperately trying to do. She was Dear Friends,

Dear Editor:

than our children? What do we all not have been doing that without a port and presence at a political mentor and teacher. She was loved as much as anyone whatever the case, he knew that to be there to represent the people in group homes. can love a child. She was a very whoever he thought it might be was of Elba, Alabama as a delegate from Finally, I also serve as the presiperfect daughter in their eyes. They not a murderer or someone that had the District of Columbia.

by the book, including wearing her follow her home and do whatever for the job. you that, as will her parents. She would all know then what made her know me, I am a native of Mulberry keep America strong. would not crank the car until every- run. Kacy's parents had talked to her been completely destroyed, and unionized Dorsey Trailers' employ- served and all are invited. about safety when she was out durthere are so many unanswered questee. Since 1994, I have been a resiing the day or night. Kacy called tions that make her to be something dent of the District of Columbia, but Willie "Chubby" Flowers her parents when she arrived at a she was not. Just seeing bold head- I have not forgotten about Elba,

destination and when she was leav- lines about this little 16 year old girl Alabama. ing to come home, just like the that knew she was not an experi- My accomplishments in the Mulnight she was killed. Just think what enced driver "eluding" the law just berry Heights community include would have been said if they had does not make sense. known that this would be their last We all hope and pray to God that Agendum Newspaper in 1991. Later conversation with her. They had this family will get some kind of that same year, the community inititalked about all the bad influences closure to this. All they want is ated a movement to rename a porout there for kids, including drugs answers. Some parents just think tion of Taylor Mill Road in honor of and alcohol which was proven not they know their kids, some don't the legacy of the late Dr. Martin

to be a factor. All of us who knew really care, but this family knew Luther King Jr. This renaming was her did not need proof. They had their daughter, as well as her other the first of its kind in Coffee County taken all the precautions they relatives and friends. This was a and inspired other cities in Coffee thought, but who thinks about hav- loss that could have been prevented, County to to the same. ing to talk to your kids about the a life that had so much potential - At Troy State University, I was law. We do not know what hap- She completely had her future elected three times by the student pened to make her speed before she planned and what all she was going body to serve as SGA senator and in was clocked on radar, but we all to accomplish, and she would have 1993, I was awarded the Ralph know her well enough to know that done just that, but it was all taken. Wyatt Adams award for service to something had scared her so badly away so tragically by one that is the university. Additionally, I and made her so afraid that she did supposed to serve and protect. not know what to do other than try Written by, to get home to the safety of her par- Kathy McLeod ents, as soon as possible, as she was

She is married to E.J. Yelverton, ence and I look forward to meeting inquiries with the Probate Court. I and they have two adult sons, a as many Coffee Countians as possi- will evaluate and/or implement a daughter-in-law and four grandchil- ble between now and June 6, 2000," system of strict financial accounting dren She is the daughter of the late Yelverton said.

an easy campaign, but I do know ing, recording, paying for car tags of law." that it will be a rewarding experi- or services or just simply making

which will be available to the pub-Alvin L. Hurt and Flay W. Hurt of "If elected Judge of Probate, I lic and which will insure that every New Brockton. The Yelvertons plan on making the Probate Office tax dollar is accounted for and is attend Elba Zion Missionary Bap- more accessible to and friendly spent in a fiscally responsible mantist Church where Ms. Yelverton toward all citizens of Coffee Counner. I will serve each constituent serves as clerk and musician. ty," she added. "It will be an office fairly and honestly. When called "As I ready myself for this cam- where personnel are cordial and upon to render legal decisions, they paign, I realize that this will not be helpful to people who are either fil- will be made according to the rules

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seeking to form one." Other projects which Westbrook site for Zion Chapel Schools. jects, Economic Development of ent projects we have had, I feel peo- upcoming election on June 6. newly acquired land on Hwy. 125 ple in District One are interested for an industrial site, establishing and keep informed. I invite the peo-

in two rural areas and a recreation by my Woodmen of the World has sponsored or supported are the "I can not mention all the pro- Linda would like to thank the Hazard Mitigation Project which jects which I have supported in the people in District One for giving assisted 13 rural residents (12 in past three and a half years or the her the opportunity to serve as their District One) to move from flood decisions I have helped to make by representative on the Coffee County areas, Rescue Squad service for representing the people of District Commission this term and invite all rural areas, continued road mainte- One," said Westbrook, "From the the voters in District One to support nance, resurfacing and paving pro- many comments and calls on differ- her candidacy for the office in the

office in Elba at any time.

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### Older American Tax Fairness Act by Senator Richard Shelby

United States Senator Richard posable income to pay for many of imposed on seniors by President

It might surprise you to know helping them, we hurt them by tax- taxes would be phased out over the that your Social Security benefits ing their Social Security benefits, course of the next five years, and are subject to tax. For half a centu- lowering their standard of living completely eliminated in tax year ry, the money that was taken from and decreasing the amount of dis- 2005. At this point, our seniors' your paycheck and reserved for posable income they have available Social Security benefits would once your retirement remained to them. untouched by the tax collectors in To right this wrong, I introduced This legislation is long overdue. I Washington. That changed over the legislation recently to repeal the believe all Americans should be course of the last few years, and social security tax. The "Older able to keep more of what they now taxes are collected from Senior Americans Tax Fairness Act" will earn. Protecting our seniors' Social Americans' Social Security bene- eliminate this unjust and unfair tax Security benefits from this unfair

The tax on Social Security bene- of six years. fits is truly a case of overkill. The benefits of the bill would be Senior citizens are taxed when they evident to Alabama's seniors within earn their money, the are taxed the first year. The Older Americans when the government returns it in Tax Fairness Act would immediatethe form of Social Security bene- ly repeal the Social Security tax fits, and if they are smart enough to save it to give to their children or grandchildren, they will have to pay estate taxes before anyone sees a

Many seniors need to work in order to pay for costly health insurance premiums, prescription drugs, and other expenses that they incur as they grow older. For these seniors, working is not a choice, it is a necessity. If we eliminate the tax on Social Security benefits, most seniors would have more dis-

Shelby Reports to Alabama these necessities. But rather than Clinton in 1993. The remaining again be protected from taxation.

by phasing out the tax over a period tax is a good first step.

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try to protect more than anything reason, if only she could tell us. reception/fundraiser that will be Since moving to the District of else than our children? Wallace and All we have read in the paper is held for the support of my bid for Columbia, I have been elected to illness. June Clark did more than most par- how distraught the deputy is. He Al Gore delegate to the Democratic two terms as Advisory Neighborents to guide and protect their beaushould be. Anybody that has read national convention in August. hood Commissioner. First elected in tiful daughter, Kacy Clark. They anything about this terrible tragedy This is a very important convenwere there for her in everything she or heard it on their scanners, knows tion because it will decide who the challenge of reforming inner city undertook and she was glad to have that he should have backed off and Democratic nominee will be for this grocery stores and have encouraged War II. them there. They were not only her let her go. It has been said that he year's presidential general election. the city of the District of Columbia

have as much love for their son, committed some kind of crime I am writing to let you know that Young Democrats and was the dele-Wesley, who has been their rock other than supposedly speeding. I have pledged my support for vice gation chairman for the 1996 and through this tragedy. What would especially since she had already ran president Albert Gore. I have chooff the road and almost wrecked on sen vice president Gore because I Young Democrats of America. She was a role model to all her Highway 167 in an effort to make feel he is the type of leader that we I have participated in all of these friends, a listener, a motivator, and the turn to get home to her parents. need during this time of transition activities because of my commitwould not compromise on anything. A trooper was blocking the road. that we are experiencing in our ment to service that I learned in the that she felt was not what was right that she was coming out on. Why country and of all candidates count- community of Mulberry Heights

the night she was chased by a Cof- as well have been on that car and recently retired from Kleinert's and the National Guard Armory) located fee County Deputy to her death. killed also because their lives have my father, Willie C. Flowers, is a on Claxton Avenue. Food will be

being the founder editor of The

became a member and president of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and was named brother of the year. I also

16, 2000 from the Patterson-Sorparents, they were her best friends. did not know who he was chasing. It is important to me because I hope to project the mentally ill who live

in her daily life. She did everything not back off and let him stop her or ed he has been, and is the best man and the town of Elba. I would like eat belt. All her friends will tell was necessary at that time? We For those of you who do not can be made possible. We must Heights in Elba and a 1990 graduate The reception will be held on Frione was buckled in. That is just one If he could only see how terribly of Elba High School and a 1994 day, April 28, 2000, at 5 p.m. The of many things that is so disturbing and completely destroyed her fami-graduate of Troy State University. location of the event will be the about everything that happened on ly is by what happened. They might My mother, Louise Waters Harris, Elba Recreation Center (formerly

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## AREA DEATHS

LELTON LEE FARRIS Mr. Lelton Lee Farris, age 80, of Farris, Dothan, Ken and Cathy Far-McKinnon Street, New Brockton, ris, Enterprise; three sisters: Nettie Ala., died April 14, 2000 at the Whitis, Tempel, Texas, Mary Boles, family residence after an extended Claxton, Ga., Eunice Davis, New

Mr. Farris was a lifelong resident great-grandchildren, two step of Coffee County and the New grandchildren and two step great-Brockton area. He was a veteran of grandchildren. the U.S. Navy serving during World

Funeral services were held April

rells Funeral Home Chapel with Dr.

John Granger officiating. Burial followed in the New Brockton City Cemetery with Patterson-Sorrells Funeral Home directing. Survivors include his wife: Lad-

fie Medley Farris, New Brockton: a daughter and son-in-law; Linda and Jerry Gilbert, New Brockton;

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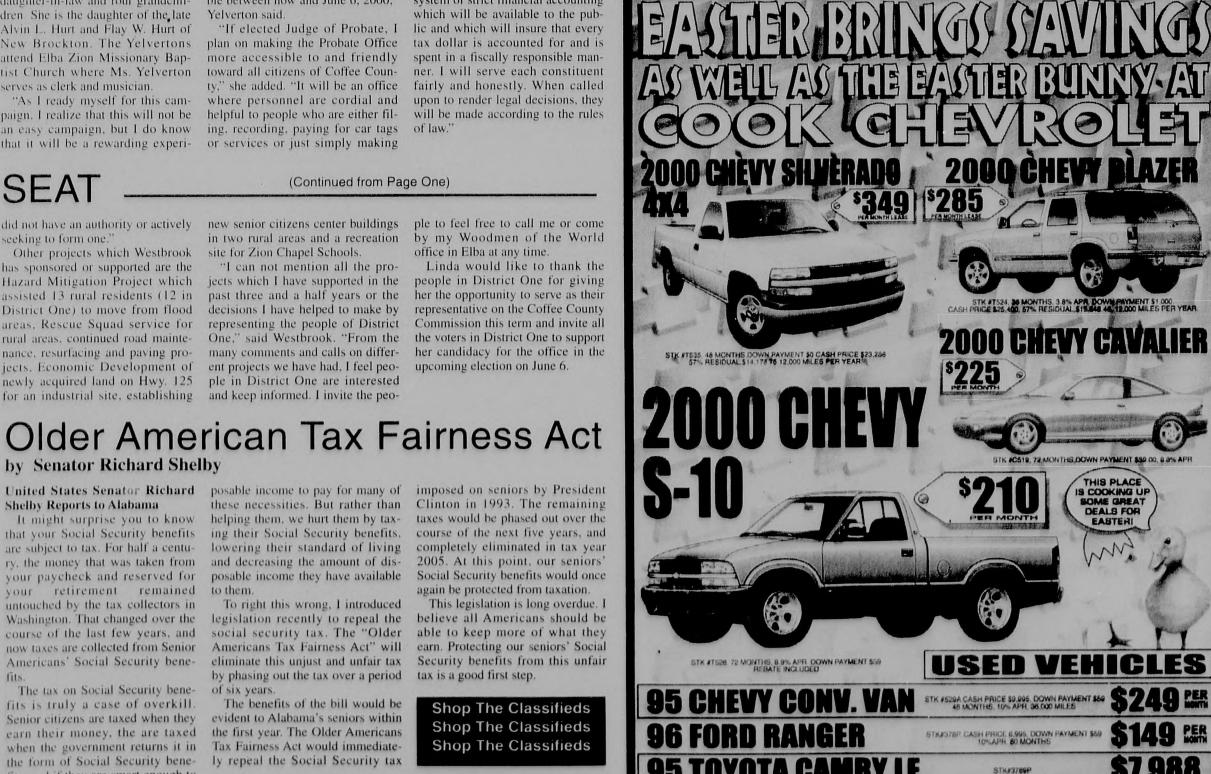
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22:42 Conference 2000 - Rocky you: Anise Coleman, Lew and 28 at 6:30 p.m. and April 29 at 9:30 Rev. Kevin Kelley, Westside Baptist Maggie Headd, Annie Bell a.m. Registration fee will be three Flournoy, Evelyn Flournoy, Jessica nonperishable food items. For more Pearson, Rev. F.L. Flowers, Rev. information, contact Evelyn Man-

Charles Lane, Vick E. Lindsey ning at 897-2006, Tanisha Edwards Bluff Spring Baptist Church \*\*\*Birthdays: C.W. Williams - at 493-9147, Patti Culver at 897-April 23; John H. Carpenter - April 8216, Pastor or Sis, Williams, Rita Hardwick at 897-1705. Up!!! Opp High School Gym on Session of the Alabama State Seven Pastor Elbert Smith bringing the Everyone is invited Saturday, April 29, at 9 a.m. Shajee Singing Convention to be message. Breakfast will be served Admission is \$3. Contest entry fee: held at the Mt. Sinai Baptist 3 on 3 - \$30 per team; Slam dunk - Church in New Ville, Ala. on April \$10 per entry; 3-point Shootout - 29 at 1:30 p.m.

prizes will be awarded in these cat- held at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church egories. Deadline to enter is April (County Rd. 528) in Elba at 7 a.m. 21. Age groups include teen this Sunday, April 23. The speaker through adult. For more informa- will be Rev. Willie Edwards, pastor Brantley. Breakfast will follow the Song: Annual Choir Day of the attend. Bethlehem Baptist Church in Elba Today is a good day, be grateful!

\$10 per entry. Trophies and cash \*\*\*Easter Sunrise Service will be

New Brockton UMC to hold Good Friday Services, April 21st

will be Sunday, April 23, at 2:30

The New Brockton United The public is invited. Methodist Church will have Good Ben McKee is pastor of the Friday services Friday, April 21, church.



Community-Wide Easter Sunrise Service to be held at Westside Baptist Church

The Men's Ministry of Westside Church, will lead the worship time. Baptist Church will once again host Following the Sunrise Service, the Community-Wide Easter Sunrise men of Westside will serve break-Service. The worship time will fast in the activities building. begin at 6:15 a.m. with Rev. John Everyone is cordially invited to Baxter, Elba United Methodist come and be a part of this celebra-\*\*\*Thinking of you, praying for Head MB Church in Elba on April Church, delivering the message. tion of the Lord's Resurrection.

Easter Sunrise Service planned at

An Easter Sunrise Service is after the service. There will be no planned at Bluff Springs Baptist evening service. The church is \*\*\*Soldiers Under God Hoop It \*\*\*Program of the Semi-Annual Church on April 23 at 6 a.m. with located on County Road 304.

> Newbia Baptist Church to hold Easter Sunrise Services

Sunrise Services will be held at 10:00 a.m. and Morning Worship for it. Newbia Baptist Church on April 23 at 11:00 a.m. Pastor Wayne Webber tion, call the Opp Parks and Recre- of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in at 6:00 a.m. with Pastor Wayne and congregation extend a special \*\*\*Sing Unto the Lord a New service. Everyone is invited to Breakfast will be served following these services. There will be no of each trial becoming a stepping stone and each tribulation a challenge to Sunday School will begin at

> Mt. Olive Baptist Church to host Schedule of events for Holy Week set Commuity Sunrise Service

in the Pine Level Community - celebrate the Lord's Resurrection. congregation, along with the con-ship to follow at 11 a.m. gregations of Weed Baptist Church

Mt. Olive Baptist Church, located and Friendship Baptist Church, will County Rd. 355, will host Easter Everyone is invited to attend this Sunrise Services beginning at 6 special service. Sunday School will a.m. on April 23. The Mt. Olive begin at 10 a.m. with morning wor-



Woodmen Of The World Life Insurance Society, Omaha, Neb., donated many computers to non-profit organizations this year. They are shown here donating three lap-top computers and two printers to the New Philadelphia Church of God in Christ in Elba. These computers are to be used in their day care, with church business and to help children after school with their

Shown here from left to right are: Area Manager Larry Bradshaw, Field Representative Charlotte Adkinson, Pastor Locarl Flowers and Field Rep-

.....6:00 p.m.

### **PASTOR'S CORNER**

PASTOR LOEARL FLOWERS New Philadelphia Church of God in Christ

Keep hope alive..

There is a sense of hopelessness that sometimes invades our lives and causes us not to excel in our everyday lives. Sometimes we feel that there is no use for holding on when it seems right to turn loose. Sometimes it seems that we are running at break neck speed and getting no where. Many times we feel that the ones we love most appreciate us the least.

There is a hope that goes beyond the normal expectations of life. There is a hope that looks beyond the faults and always sees the needs. Romans 8:18 says for I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us, and the 24th verse says for we are saved by hope but hope that is seen is not hope is not hope, for what a man seeth is why does he yet hope for it, and the 25th verse says that if we hope for that we see not then we do with patience wan

For this hope is not beyond us, but this hope is not beyond us this hope is a hope that will be revealed in us. Through our risen Lord and Savior Jesus Webber bringing the message invitation for everyone to attend Christ, so I admonish you to turn from a state of hopelessness to the reality reach our final destination which is heaven. Again, I say keep hope alive.

at Elba United Methodist Church

side Baptist Church for children in

egg hunt, face painting and egg

The Elba United Methodist's Sanctuary! Church schedule for Holy Week is: We would like to invite everyone Thursday, April 20 - 7:00 p.m. - to come and join us for these Maundy Thursday/Tennebrae Ser- events . If you are looking for a

church home, come check us out. FRIDAY, APRIL 21 - 8:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m. - Resurrection Camp for Elementary children. Cost is \$5. Westside Baptist Church bring a sack lunch and 6 hard to have Children's Easter. oiled eggs. Please register by Monday, April 17. FRIDAY, APRIL 21 - 3:00 p.m. -

Trip to Destin, FL to see the On Saturday, April 22, there will Assembly of God's Passion Play. be an Easter Celebration at West-We will eat at Ryan's. SATURDAY, APRIL 22 - 10:00 grades Preschool through third a.m. - 12:00 noon - Easter Egg grade. Activities will last from 10 Hunt at the Parsonage, 1322 High- a.m. until 12 noon and will include land Dr. The Easter Bunny will be music, a children's sermon, Easter hopping our way too! Easter Sunday, April 23 - 6:15 decorating. There will also be a hot a.m. - Rev. John Baxter will preach dog lunch following the egg hunn: at the Easter Sunrise Service held at Children are encouraged to bring a Westside Baptist Church, Elba. friend.

ages. Children will host a Butterfly Release! EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 23 -10:00 a.m. - Easter Celebration,

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 23 -

9:00 a.m. - Sunday School for all



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WISE MILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD

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great-aunt of the groom elect.

Forest Avenue in Elba.

given for Miss Lana Spurlin

A Miscellaneous Bridal Shower overlay. The table was topped with

Guests were greeted by Mrs. tions. Miss Lisa Grimes ladled the

table draped in a white antique son and Mrs. Doris Matthews.

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Martha Guerrero presents program on butterflies to

LIFESTYLES

Azalea Garden Club The Azalea Garden Club met at the Elba Public Library on Wednesday, April 12. Hostess Elaine Martin served delightful strawberry short cake and coffee to the following 14 members: Linda Biddle, Betty Cox, Judy Eastburn, Martha Girdner, Martha Guerrero, Ruth Inman, Carol Jackson, Kathryn Kelly, Vivian Lee, Elaine Martin, Betty Rodgers, Wanda Shirley, Carolyn Shively and Annie Laurie Wright. Martha Guerrero presented an informative program on butterflies and gave each member a list of

plants that attract butterflies. The door prize, provided by President Carol Jackson, was won by Judy Eastburn.

L to R: Seated - (front) Lana Spurlin, honoree; Mrs. Will Carr, mother of the bride-elect; and Mrs. Bill Chandler, mother of the groom-elect. Standing - Mrs. James Grimes; Mrs. Bobby Hudson; and Mrs. Lorraine Stuart, Miscellaneous Bridal Shower

honoring Miss Lana Spurlin, bride- an arrangement of spring flowers, a elect of Billy Chandler, was held candle, a plume pen and the bride's Sunday afternoon, April 9, 2000, at book. Party dainties were served the home of Mrs. James Grimes on from a table skirted in white army/navy cloth. Crystal appoint-Ethan Deal The entry door was marked by a ments held cheese wafers, nuts, white heart-shaped wreath with mints, party twirls, and cake. Spring white bells and lavender flowers. flowers completed the table decora-

Grimes and presented to the hon- punch. Hostesses for the occasion, years old oree. Lana was joined in the receivalong with Mrs. Grimes, were: Mrs. ing line by her mother, Mrs. Janette Betty Joyce Ellis, Ms. Panzy Smith, Carr, and Mrs. Bill Chandler, moth- Mrs. Betty Davis, Mrs. Carolyn Ethan Deal, the son of Derrick er of the groom-elect. Miss Jaclyn Kelley, Mrs. Kaye Whitworth, Mrs. and Felicity Deal of Elba, celebrat-Garrett registered the guests at a Ruth Mack, Mrs. Shirley Hender- ed his third birthday on Feb. 19 with a party at "Playground" in

Ethan is the grandson of Sonny and Kathy Bragg of Jack, Janice Deal of Enterprise and Tony Deal Several friends, family and his big sister, Audrey, joined Ethan in celebrating his birthday.

: ..... BIRTH SHELBY LYNN



Shelby Lynn Fontenot Paul and Tammy Fontenot of Byron, Ga. announce the birth of their daughter, Shelby Lynn Fontenot, on March 7, 2000 at 9:45 She weighed 9 lbs. 8 oz. and was

21 inches long. Grandparents are Diana Robinson of Elba and Jerry Robinson of Lantana, Fla. and the late Lee Roy Fontenot of Springfield, La.





Pictured Left to right: Mrs. Amanda A. Heart, Mrs. Johnny Mcleod, Mrs. Julie Jones, Miss Veronica Jones - honoree, Mrs. Margaret Daniels, Mrs. Mary Frances Daniels, Mrs. Rushia Culver.

# Miss Jones honored with miscellaneous bridal shower recently

The Shady Grove African groom-to-be; Mrs. Johnny Mcleod, of spring flowers accented the Methodist Episcopal Church Fel- maternal grandmother of the hon- table. elect of Dominique Daniels, on Sat- the future groom; and Mrs. Frances guests urday, April 1, 2000, between the Daniels, paternal grandmother of Hostesses were: Brenda Sheidan,

hours of two and four. the future groom. traditional wedding bells and yel- the future groom, registered the Stephanie Daniels, Bernice Culver,

guests and directed them to the served by Mrs. Janice Cole, Ms. Norma Young, Beverly Liptrot,

Guests were then presented to and Ms. Bernice Culver from a Culver, Dorothy Phillips, Rebecca Miss Jones, the honoree; Mrs. Julie table covered with a beautiful white Daniels and Betty Reffegee. Jones, mother of the honoree; Mrs. cloth overlaid with a candlelight Margaret Daniels, mother of the lace cloth. A colorful arrangement

lowship Hall was the setting for a oree; Mrs. Amanda Avery Heart, The many lovely and useful gifts

Miscellaneous Bridal Shower hon- sister of the honoree; Mrs. Rushia were displayed on a table in the feloring Miss Veronica Jones, bride- Culver, maternal grandmother of lowship hall and viewed by the

Shirley Belcher, Vanessa Johnson, The front door was adorned with Mrs. Dorothy Phillips, aunt of Polly Williams, Brenda Daniels, Janice Cole, Jeanette Brockton, Mrs. Annie Flowers greeted the Punch and party dainties were Annie Flowers, Sarah Young, Helen Culver, Miss Lashonda Cole Porchia Jones, Vivian Cole, Helen

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ELBA DELIVERANCE .....11:30 a.m. Morn. Worship..... Wed. Service ....

.....7:00 p.m. ELBA FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD Homer F. Moore, Pastor ....10:30 a.m. ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ....9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship..... .....10:00 a.m. 

Rev. John I. Baxter, Pastor .....9:00 a.m. Wed.Bible Study ...... 6:00 p.m. ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH J. L. Grayer, Pastor

.....6:00 p.m. FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY

Church Directory .....6:00 p.m. .....7:15 p.m.

resentative Steve Adkinson.

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Wed. Youth Service......6:00 p.m. Sunday School. 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.

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Greg Hanchey, Minister

Sunday School. 10:00 a.m. HAM UNITED METHODIST' Even. Service.....

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HEBRON BAPTIST CHURCH Mark Jankoski, Pastor INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD ....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship..... ....11:00 a.m. Wed Prayer Meeting ..........7:00 p.m. ... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... INO BAPTIST CHURCH

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....11:00 a.m. Morn. Worship...... MUSTARD SEED FOUNDATION Even. Service. Mary Seavey Wed. Prayer Service......7:00 p.m Sunday Morn. Service...... 10:30 a.m. OF GOD IN CHRIST

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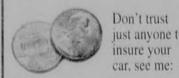
Sunday School......10:00 a.m. Larry Wise, Pastor ...10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship..... Wed. Prayer Meet....

A. R. Williams, Pastor ROETON BAPTIST CHURCH GOD CHURCH Sunday School.......9:45 a.m. Mike Medley, Pastor Morn. Worship ... Rev. F. L. Flowers, Pastor ZOAR COMMUNITY CHURCH Nathan Johnson, Pastor

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# Community News

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that most people don't really enjoy speech. but many find themselves in a The winners of the informative "have to" situation at times. The speeches were: Haley Wambles, earlier children are encouraged to Zion Chapel, 1st; Elena speak before a group, the less like- McCormick. Elba and Andrea y they will let fear take over. Profitt, New Brockton tied for 2nd; Four-H offers many opportuni- Lindsay Leverett, Zion Chapel and ties for youth. One happens to be Daniel Kelley, New Brockton tied public speaking. From the thirty- for 3rd.

winners announced

seven 4-H clubs in Coffee County The winners of the oratorical • there were over 250 students who speeches were: Ashley Waddail, gave a speech for the public speak- Elba, 1st; John Sawyer, New their own topics. Some of the top-son, Zion Chapel 3rd.

• to be either an informative (facts) June.

4-H Public Speaking Activity Public speaking is something speech or an oratorical (opinion)

Covington Electric Cooperative recently sponsored 12 students from local ing activity. The students selected Brockton, 2nd; Brittany Thomp-schools to participate in the Alabama Rural Electric Association Youth Tour in Montgomery, Ala. Participants are shown above in front of the • ics were on sports, crime, actual Joel Pindelton, home school and Alabama State House where they watched their local legislators in action. • hours in school, pets, seatbelts. Leslie Allison, Enterprise, both Pictured from left, front row: Holli Odom, Kinston; Maryanne Taylor, Red angels, and health issues. won 1st in the senior age division. Level; Kristi Simmons, Samson; Jessica Smith, Brantley; and Dawn The first place winners from Ashley, Haley, Joel and Leslie Parkinson, Straughn. From left, back row: Greg Foreman, Samson; Brooke Kelley, Pleasant Home; Wade Ward, Kinston; John Barry Roberts, Branteach club were invited to the will represent Coffee County at ley; Troy Wiggins, Pleasant Home; and Scott Smith, Red Level. Ray 

### Covington Electric sponsors students for Youth Tour in Montgomery

responses. The top-ranked girl and

ple about how cooperatives benefit

Twelve students from the six (NRECA) Youth Tour in Washingschools in Covington Electric ton, D.C. During the interview Cooperative's (CEC) service area competition held in March at LBW recently participated in the Alaba- College, a three-judge panel interma Rural Electric Association viewed the 12 participants and (AREA) Youth Tour in Mont- ranked them based on their

Youth Tour participants enjoyed boy, Kristi A. Simmons of Samson a three-day trip that included tours and John Barry Roberts of Brantof the Alabama State Capitol, ley, will represent CEC at the Alabama State House, Old Alaba- NRECA Youth Tour in June. ma Town and the Alabama Shake- Each year, CEC sponsors stuspeare Festival. Participants also dents to attend the state and nationattended the AREA Annual Meet- al Youth Tours. The purpose of the ing Banquet held in the Mont- Youth Tour is to inform young peo-

Each year, schools in CEC's ser- their members, to provide an vice area select one boy and one opportunity to see government in girl from the junior class to attend action, and to meet other young the AREA Youth Tour and to compeople from across the state and pete for a trip to the National Rural nation while visiting historical sites Electric Cooperative Association and landmarks.

scholastic requirements. Local stu-

Area students on Dean's List at Auburn Auburn University recently dents being named to this list were: released the names of students who Melissa Benbow and Anna R. were placed on the Dean's List for Head, both of Elba, and Summer T. Fall Quarter 1999 based on specific Harding of Jack.

### Don't Forget the Blood Drive April 24th

Elba High School and the American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive on Monday, April 24, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the school's mini gym. Donors are asked to please bring their blood donor card or any document with date of birth or Social Security number. All dona-

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# SCHOOLS

# \*Meet Our Faculty\*

Student Spotlight

The EHS Journalism Staff spotlights Mrs. Kathy Griggs as the Meet Our Faculty" winner. Mrs. Griggs graduated from Elba High School. She attended Huntington College and later attended Auburn University at Montgomerygraduate school. She received her B.A. in Language arts (7-12), a Master's in English and a degree as an Education Specialist. She now teachers 7th and 9th grade English, and 7th grade Enrichment.

playing the piano, fishing, baking, hand sewing, playing cards and being with her friends. When asked what she likes best about Elba, Mrs. Griggs replied. lot. People are definitely more "It's a very close knit community friendly here than in most big

by Monique Ordon

This week's Student Spotlight is

7th grader Alison Smith. She is the

13-year-old daughter of Dennis and

Jan Smith. She has one 14-year-old

Alison was born in Enterprise.

Alabama and has been raised in

When she graduates from high

school, she hopes to attend Troy

State University and major in radi-

In her spare time, she enjoys

piaying softball, basketball, and

When asked what she enjoys

One thing that makes her differ-

ent from everyone else her age is

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puter Science, Drafting, Industrial ing hours are Tuesday nights from

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the Registrar's Office at 1708 North ented environment. The class

schedule an alternate time or may Meeting hours are on Monday

request information by calling 493- nights from 5 until 7:40 p.m.

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a.m. to 12 p.m.

most about Elba High School, she

said the students and teachers.

sister, DeAnn Smith.

Elba all her life.

riding horses.

her personality.



when people help each other out a towns."

Allison Smith

### April 24 - 28, 2000 BREAKFAST LUNCH

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Editors:

Kimberly Ward

Cammie Kelley

pplesauce, Cereal, Juice, Potato Rounds, 1/2 Orange, Milk Tuesday - Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce, Green Salad, Buttered Carrots, Crack-Wednesday - Turkey Wiggle, Cor Vednesday - Biscuit & Jelly, Butterbeans, Sweet Potato Patty, Rol

Thursday - Eggs, Toast, Potatoes w/ Gravy, Peas & Carrots, 1/2 Apple, Bread, Milk Friday - Cheese Grits, Toast Friday - Hamburger, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Dill Pickles, Peanut But-

The girls have excelled with a

record of 8-4, with many games in

Congratulations, Tigers, and

# TIGER BRIEFS

Elba Elementary School

The Norris "Click" by Stephanie Williams

Everyone knows that two's a the next few weeks. party and three's a crowd. The Norris triplets have arrived, good luck with the remainder of the and they hold true to meaning that season. three's a crowd. Snap, Crackle and Pop Norris arrived on March 29th Financial Aid Workshop by way of cesarean section.

MacArthur Summer Registration Schedule schedule for Summer Term. Appli- COMPASS placement test prior to things went well. cants who register according to the registration. The test will be admin- And from the Journalism Staff to to help the parents fill out all the

to take placement tests as well as through May 5. There is no fee for to spoiling those kids! complete financial aid applications the test. All new students are also CONGRATULATIONS!!!

### Financial Aid Office by May 9, the May 8 in the Student Center from 8 Just for the Record Registration for diploma pro- MacArthur State Technical Col-

grams will be held April 7 from 8 lege offers continuing education and softball teams both have wina.m. to 12 p.m. These programs evening courses. These non-credit ning records so far this season. include Auto Body, Auto Mechan- courses are designed especially for As of April 5, the boys have a ics, Barbering, Carpentry and Cabi- professional development. Individ- record of 6-5, with a Class 3A. netmaking, Cosmetology, Diesel uals may register for these courses Area 3 record of 2-0.

April 21 is the registration day on Tuesday and Thursday nights • for degree programs. Students may from 5 until 7:40 p.m. The course

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### by Emilee Qualls The triplets: Partrick Aaron, On Thursday night, April 6, there

Turner Brooklyn, and Tanna Chris- was a financial aid workshop held tine were born at Baptist Hospital at Elba High School. in Montgomery. Everyone is doing This workshop was for the parwell and currently reside in ents of all the Seniors who want to apply for financial aid throughout We are very excited about the college. This meeting was held in lege announces the registration New students must take the good news and we are glad that the Home-Ec. room.

A guest speaker from LBW came following schedule will have time istered at 8 a.m., each Friday JuJu and Patrick: We look forward information that needed to be

# by Amy Kirkland

The EHS Varsity Tiger baseball

Assistant, Upholstery and Welding. meeting. Microsoft Excel will meet Bring The Kids & Meet • The Easter Bunny :

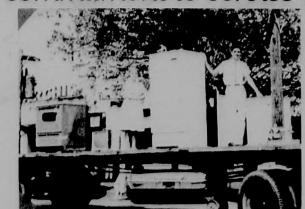
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# Tiger Tales Editorial

by Kimberly Ward ward to begin a step towards the While looking at an inspirational right direction. If you TRY your guidebook for life, I found the most best and fail, just keep pushing for-

you can accomplish anything. You can be achieved.

amazing quote that inspired me to ward. All that anyone can do is "Triumph is just 'umph' added to So, I encourage every one of you try." Many people expect to get to TRY your hardest in all that you something for nothing these days do in life. In your school, in your and end up getting disappointed. community, and in your life, just

The way that I see it is that you TRY to do your best. Once you must work for something before have mastered this, any goal in life

must put a little effort in whatever Please take this challenge and you may undertake in life. You your life will better by 100 %. Put must TRY and put the best foot for- a little "umph" in your try.

### Few And Far Between



by Cammie Kelley Miss Spring Break was held on March 24, 2000. Miss Spring Break is a womanless beauty pageant held every year at Spring Break. The Journalism Staff sponsored the event. Thirteen guys participated in the pageant. All participants certainly looked like females. The contestants were: Brandy Bowers, Tory Vignola, CaChe' Wilson, Jefferina DuBose, Smurfette Genie Baby Coleman, Athena Young, Brittney Grimes, Joli Lawford, Nicole Brunson, Kesley Kelley, Keldacia Burks, Destiny Stinson and Brooke Creel. They were all great, but only three finalists - pictured above - were chosen. Second runner up was Kesley Kelle (left), first runner up was Athena Young (right) and the winner was Joli Lawford (center). They

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were certainly some wonderful women.

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# SPORTS

Views from...

# THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

of the girls, or we have some pants that can't seem to find a hanger. I hate

LOOKING BACK AT THE WEEK IN SPORTS ....

farming the out right area championship and the automatic home field

the Lady Tigers are getting better in certain areas every time they take the

include Tee Ball. Coach Pitch. Dixie Minor, Dixie Youth. Dixie Boys.
Dixie Pre-Majors and Dixie Majors, while the leagues for girls also cover players ages 4-18, and include Tee Ball. Coach Pitch. Girls 10 and Under. Girls 12 and Under, Girls 14 and Under, over 700 boys and girls, not to mention over 125 coaches, are involved in the basebeing played in Elba, and other games set for Samson, Brantley, New took their first lead of the afternoon when Brooks Creel delivered a bases-loaded triple to put Elba on top at 8-6. Dustin Stinson singled in Creel, and Brandon Salter followed with an rbi double to cap off. Brockton, Luverne and Highland Home, The size of the Elba leagues has the big seven-run sixth inning that led to games being spread around, and plans are in the works for more fields at both Legion Field and Hawkins-Williams. All the leagues need 10-6.

SWEET SWINGERS TOURNEY A SUCCESS.... The sixth annual Sweet Swingers High School Softball Classic was hosted last weekend by the Elba Department of Parks and Recreation, and while the Geneva Lady games, but had perhaps the largest following of any team in the event, while Kinston, an annual participant, won its first games of the season played 4A Headland and 6A'Dothan, gained a measure of confidence as the Lady Bulldogs buttled Dothan for seven immigs before falling 4-2. All the teams had their moments in the tournament, and that is why the tournament is held - to give high school softball teams a chance to compete

IN CLOSING. I talked with Elba's Ronald McKinnon last week on the phone, and he told me that he resigned with the Arizona Cardinals because that he could live with for the next three years. Ronald was not real excited about the direction the Cardinals seem to be headed, but added that in three years he will still be only 28 years old, and will have many good years of football left to play. Good luck, Ronald, and always be assured

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and trailed 3-0 heading into the bottom of the third, but rallied to plate two runs in their half of the inning to pull within 3-2. Britt Grimes reached on a walk and Josh Lawford reached on an error to open the inning for the

its lead to 5-2 in the top of the bottom of the fifth, when Elba plat-

and then raced home on an error Highland Home added a run in A one-out homer by Bradley

Bowers ignited the sixth inning within 6-5. Kyle English singled to took their first lead of the after-

Pete Manring and Jason Curran all got 2 hits to lead the Tigers at the plate, while Brooks Creel had one hit and three rbi's. Marcus Henderson was the starting pitcher for Elba and pitched three innings. allowed four hits and struck-out got the win in relief as he pitched three innings, allowed three hits

### HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL & BASEBALL **SCHEDULES**

SOFTBALL

Thursday, April 20 Goshen at Elba (2) 4:00 New Brockton at Luverne (2) 4:00

Monday, April 24 Kinston at New Brockton (2) 4:00

Tuesday, April 25 Elba at New Brockton (2) 4:00 Goshen at Zion Chapel (2) 4:00

Wednesday, April 26 Luverne at Brantley (2) 4:00

BASEBALL

Thursday, April 20 New Brockton at Elba (4:00) Brantley at Highland Home

Monday, April 24

New Brockton at Kinston (4:00) State Playoffs Begin April 26

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2000 ELBA HIGH TIGERS

# Elba Tigers take a tumble in Opp 12-2

The Elba Tigers saw their brief rbi single by Pete Manring. A sin- crossed the plate on an rbi single by two-game winning streak come to gle by Marcus Henderson loaded Brandon Salter. an end last Monday afternoon when the bases with only one out; howev- Opp added a lone run in the they traveled to Opp and suffered a er, the next two Tiger batters struck fourth to take a 6-2 advantage, then 12-2 loss to the Opp Bobcats. out, as the Tigers left the bases plated six runs on three hits, three The Tigers saw the Bobcats com- loaded. bine four hits with two walks and A two-out, two-run triple upped plate six runs and end the game at

three stolen bases to jump out to a the Opp lead to 5-1 in the bottom of 12showed signs of life in their half of the second, but Elba again refused to fold, and answered right back

Bradley Bowers and Marcus Henderson both got 2 hits to lead to fold, and answered right back the second and plated a lone run to with another run in the top of the third to pull within 5-2.

son added one hit and stole four

walks and three errors in the fifth to

in fifth and sixth innings to pull

game of the double-header 12-2 in

early 2-0 lead, but Luverne rallied

and pulled even at 2-2 in the top of

joined in the chase, as all three cars

# the big seven-run sixth inning that pushed the Tigers ahead to stay at Lady Tigers sweep past Andalusia & Luverne

The Elba Lady Tigers upped their ELBA 10 games last week with impressive The Elba Lady Tigers completed away and post the win. A double by

double-header sweeps over Andalu- their sweep with a big 10-2 win in Rachel Bludsworth and a triple by The Lady Tigers hosted 5A off to a slow start and trailed 2-1 inning fireworks, while Katie Andalusia on Monday afternoon heading into the bottom of the Vaughan and Melissa Grantham and swept the Lady Bulldogs 10-4 third, but plated five runs in their both had key sixth inning hits. and 10-2, then hosted Luverne on half of the inning to take a 6-2 Samantha Williams, Roshanda Thursday and claimed wins by the advantage! Casey Skinner, Roshan- McKinnon, Rachel Bludsworth and

ANDY 4

da McKinnon and Melissa Leslie Stinson all got 2 hits for scores of 12-3 and 12-2. Following are highlights of the Grantham all had triples to spark Elba.

went to 7-2 in the fourth on an rbi ELBA 12 single by Oneida Davis, and the LUVERNE 2 Lady Tigers added three runs in the The Elba Lady Tigers completed The Elba Lady Tigers pulled sixth with Casey Skinner getting a the regular season sweep of ahead for good in the third inning key two-out double as Elba rolled Luverne by winning the second and never looked back as they to the win. defeated Andalusia 10-4. Leslie Casey Skinner. Rachel five innings. Melissa Mularz and Stinson and Vaughan Boyd got key Bludsworth, Melissa Mularz, Leslie Stinson both had rbi singles

the outburst for Elba. Elba's lead

first inning hits to spark the Lady Raeann McCollough and Oneida in the second inning to give Elba an Tigers to a quick 2-0 lead, while Davis all got 2 hits for Elba. Melissa Mularz and Raeann McCollough had two-out hits in the ELBA third inning that allowed the Lady LUVERNE 3

the third. The Lady Tigers answered the Luverne rally with Tigers to regain the lead at 4-2. A The Elba Lady Tigers led all the one of their own in the bottom of two-run homer by Casey Skinner in way to defeat Luverne 12-3 in the the third; however, as Elba plated the fourth inning helped Elba opening game of the twin bill. four runs to regain the lead at 6-2, increase its lead to 6-2, and the Roshanda McKinnon and Rachel with a key hit being a two-run dou-Lady Tigers put the game away in Bludsworth both had rbi hits in the ble by Roshanda McKinnon. The the fifth as they scored four runs to opening inning to spark Elba to a Lady Tigers put the game away in grab a 10-2 advantage. The fifth quick 2-0 lead, and the Lady Tigers the fifth inning as they scored six inning fireworks came courtesy of a added three runs in the third and runs to claim the 12-2 win. The double by Katie Vaughan, a triple one in the fourth to open up a 6-0 final inning outburst was highlightby Rachel Bludsworth and a home- advantage. Consecutive hits by ed by a triple by Roshanda McKin-Samantha Williams, Casey Skinner non and a two-run double by Leslie Casey Skinner and Vaughan and Roshanda McKinnon sparked Stinson. Boyd got 3 hits each to lead Elba, the third inning outburst, while a Leslie Stinson got 3 hits to lead while Leslie Stinson, Raeann double by Leslie Stinson led to the Elba, while Roshanda McKinnon McCollough and Oneida Davis all fourth inning run. Luverne cut the and Raeann McCollough both lead to 6-2 in the top of the fifth, added 2 hits.

the nightcap. The Lady Tigers got Melissa Mularz sparked the fifth

# Jeff Rudd claims third straight victory at SAS

By Mark Chism

run by Vaughan Boyd.

taking his third straight IMCA never backed off, and Corey Dunn Modified feature win. Jeff Rudd continued his winning Rudd had to work for the win, as ran nose-to-nose and door-to-door ways at the South Alabama Speed- he started seventh, but moved to over the final laps. Bell led briefly way on Saturday night, April 8, by third by lap seven behind only as he took the white flag, but Hen-Mike Hasty and Stan Porter. He got derson had the inside line and came by Hasty three laps later and then back to take win. Bell held off held off a resurgent Porter to get the Dunn to take second, while Charles checkered flag. James Mason Davis placed fourth and Jerry placed third and Damon Hammond Weatherington was fifth. finished fourth. Hasty was involved In Street Stock action, Michael

in a spin after being passed by Tillery led flag to flag to claim his Rudd but fought back to claim fifth. first win of the season. Shannon Royce Johnston won his second Burns and Brian Martin had a close straight Limited Late Model fea- battle for second, with Burns taking ture. Johnston began in the number second by a bumper. Jason six spot, but quickly made his way Kendrick was fourth and Bruce to the front. Johnston took the lead Strickland fifth. on lap five and pulled away for the Harold Hurt survived a first lap easy win. Heath Mills took second, spin and came back to win the

followed in order by Ronnie Road Runner feature. Hurt got his Strawder, Ed Baker and Bret car righted and set out after the leaders, taking the lead from Timbo In a hotly contested Super Stock Kendrick on lap eight. Kendrick feature, Jody Henderson claimed held on for second, followed in the checkered flag. Henderson got order by Ashley Dean, Waylon Nelby Derris Bell on lap nine, but Bell son and Shannon Heath.

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# **SPORTS**

Elba's Dunn named 1A-3A "Coach of Year"

# Ware and Cole named to Dothan Eagle "Super 12"

the Year," while Elba's Johnny

third place finish as they were

hits to lead Elba at the plate, while

Cole both made the elite squad, ston, and kept the Tigers in focus as Houston County; and LaKeith Per- Bradley, of Headland; Wade Jones, Year. while Tiger coach Johnny Dunn was named the "Coach of the Year" in they posted 26 wins and stayed in the Top 10 in Class 3A throughout the Top

the season. points a game and pulled down 15.5 3A included Lynorse Garrett, of Year." rebounds per game in leading the Cottonwood; Lushers Lane, of The complete "Super 12" in 4A-Tigers into the Southeast Regionals, while Cole, a 6-2, senior, averaged 17-6 points, 10 rebounds and 5.1 assists in leading the Gamecocks to the finals in the Southwest Region-

Suffer two one-run losses

Lady Tigers place 3rd in Sweet Swingers Classic

place third in the 10-team tournatwo runs to lead Elba at the plate, Grantham both got 2 hits for Elba. Geneva claimed four straight Williams and Kendra Vaughan all forced to settle for a disappointing wins over Dothan 13-2, Kinston 10- added home-runs. ), Elba 4-3 and Slocomb 13-1 to The Elba Lady Tigers battled 4A defeated by Slocomb 6-5. The Lady

**Outdoors with Ben** by Ben Norman, Sports Columnist

Turkey Fever Epidemic Hits State Again

Alarm clocks all across the State are going off at 3:30 A.M. as victims of this "fever" frantically don their camo and knee boots hoping to get to the only place offering relief for this incurable illness-the turkey woods. They kiss their little honey goodbye and run out the door to their 4-wheel drive as she mumbles something about "a grown man chasing big bird in the dark needing professional help"

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old, expert and beginner try to lure wise old gobblers to the gun with love making calls. Hunters have been practing their yelps, cutts, and cackles

tri-match at Elba Country Club for months now. More than one teacher has had to call parents and insist that Johnny not bring his turkey call to school again. Teachers just don't believe the "fly down cackle" and Shakespeare ued to roll along and posted one of Allen fired a 76 to pace the Tigers 6:00 - Buzz vs. Cubs

should be studied together. Although it takes years to become really proficient at turkey calling and hunting, experts say this should not discourage beginners from giving it a a 298 to easily win a tri-match over team total of 315, followed by try. Eddie Salter is a two-time World Turkey Calling Champion from Geneva and Daleville.

Salter says learning turkey calling basics is not as difficult as many beginners believe. "You need to start off with a good slate or box call, along with an instructional cassette," says Salter. He stresses that you do not have to master all the calls before you go hunting as the basic yelp often gets a hunter their first bird.

Once a hunter feels comfortable with the basic yelp and has the proper gear, including proper camo and a tight choked shotgun, he is ready to match wits with Ole Tom. "I go out the evening before the morning I plan to hunt and try to locate a gobbler with my locator calls, usually a crow call or owl hooter. The next morning I'm back at that location and again 'call with my locator call. When he gobbles, I try to get within 200 yards of the gobbler as fast as I can. I find a tree as wide as my shoulders and lean back against it. I then make 3 or 4 light yelps. I'll repeat this call again 4 or 5 times and stop calling. If he doesn't respond to the yelps, I'll use a cutting call followed by a fly down cackle. I then make eight or ten more yelps with a few cuts thrown in to get him excited," says Salter. If a turkey gets "hung up" and won't come in, Salter recommends getting behind the Tom by walking in a large semi circle using the crow call to keep him located. Never use a turkey call when walking as another

hunter may mistake you for a turkey. Hunters suffering from "turkey fever" often have to visit the woods several times a week. Just like going to the doctor, it sometimes takes several visits before you find relief.

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The Elba Lady Tigers competed Williams and Kendra Vaughan both the lead into the bottom of the in the sixth annual Sweet Swingers added a third inning homer as the sixth, but committed two crucial High School Softball Classic last Lady Tigers pulled away for the big errors as Geneva rallied and weekend in Elba, and posted two win. Melissa Mularz got 2 hits, escaped with the 4-3 win. Roshanwins and two one-run losses to including a home-run, and scored da McKinnon and Melissa

while Rachel Bludsworth, Aubretta The Elba Lady Tigers were claim the tourney championship, power Headland in their second Tigers jumped ahead 1-0 in the while Slocomb placed second, fol- contest and turned back a late Lady opening inning on a single by lowed by Elba in third and Dothan Ram rally to post an impressive 7-4 Melissa Mularz and an rbi hit by win. The Lady Tigers jumped out to Melissa Grantham, then extended The Elba Lady Tigers opened the a quick 1-0 lead on an rbi single by their lead to 2-0 in the third when

tournament against McKenzie and Melissa Grantham, then added four Devri Kilcrease singled and later rolled to an easy 19-0 win. Elba runs in the second inning to go scored on a two-out single by scored only two runs in the opening ahead 5-0. Key hits in the second Rachel Bludsworth. A misjudged inning, but exploded for ten runs in inning outburst were an rbi double flyball turned into a three-run the second inning to grab a 12-0 by Raeann McCollough, an rbi homer as Slocomb move ahead 3-2 advantage, with key hits being triple by Samantha Williams, and a in the fourth, but Elba battled back home-runs by Melissa Mularz and two-out rbi single by Melissa Mula- and regained the lead at 5-3 in the Rachel Bludsworth. Aubretta rz. Two-out hits by Oneida Davis top of the sixth, with key hits being

and Melissa Mularz helped the an rbi single by Leslie Stinson and Lady Tigers up their lead to 7-1 in a two-out rbi single by Aubretta the fourth, and Elba turned back a Williams. Slocomb answered with seventh inning rally by Headland to three runs in the bottom of the aim the win. Melissa Mularz got inning; however, and the Lady 3 hits to lead Elba at the plate, Tigers stranded the tying run on while Samantha Williams, Melissa second in the seventh as they took Grantham and Raeann McCollough the loss. Rachel Bludsworth got 3

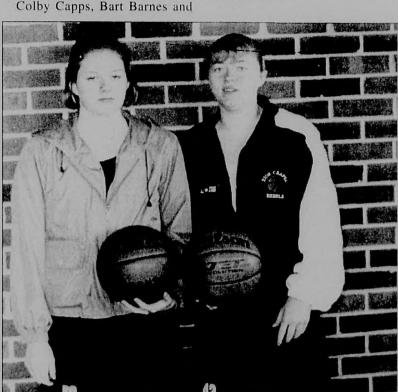
The Elba Lady Tigers saw Gene- Melissa Mularz, Melissa Grantham, va score two unearned runs in the Casey Skinner and Raeann McColbottom of the sixth inning as they lough all added 2 hits. were defeated by the Lady Panthers Melissa Mularz got 8 hits in 12 4-3, in the finals of the winners at-bats to lead Elba in the tournabracket. The Lady Tigers trailed 2-0 ment, while Rachel Bludsworth

after four innings, but rallied with went 6-11. Other leading hitters 6:00 - Cubs vs. River Bats three runs in the fifth to go on top included Melissa Grantham (5-9) 3-2, with Leslie Stinson and Oneida and Raeann McCollough (5-10). Davis getting key hits. Elba carried

# Alabama's spring turkey season is shifting into high gear as young and Elba Tiger golfers fire 298 to win

the lowest scores ever in school to the 17-stroke win.

The Elba Tiger golf team contin- Ben Dye all shot a 74, while Justin (Hawkins-Williams Field #2) history last week as the Tigers fired Geneva placed second with a 8:15 - Hawks vs. Kinston Daleville at 333.



Jessica Flowers (left) and Rebecca Kidd. Lady Rebel basketball standouts earn spot at USA Junior National Championship Sports Festival

Two members of the Zion Chapel Teresa Kidd, is a senior at Zion Lady Rebel basketball team com- Chapel High School, and has been peted in the USA Junior Nationals a member of the Lady Rebels for the weekend of March 12, 2000, at five years. She has competed at the both players being chosen to two years.

ticipate in the USA Junior Nation- Rebels for three years. al Championship Sports Festival The girls will advance to national - All Samson games at Samson Rec were Rebecca Kidd and Jessica competition on July 10-16, in Wis-Kidd, the daughter of Ricky and

the University of Alabama, with USA Junior Nationals for the past advance to national competition Flowers, the daughter of Gerald later this summer in Madison, Wis- and Pam Flowers, is a sophomore at Zion Chapel High School, and The Lady Rebels selected to par- has been a member of the Lady

Brockton; Jamar Tucker, of Goshen; Kareem Johnson, of Eufaula; Mar- of Rehobeth; and Denard Dawsey, "Super 12" high school basketball Dunn, the assistant principal at Willis Gilbert, of Louisville; Bran- cus Williams, of Charles Hender- of Ashford. Kareem Johnson, of players in Classes 1A-3A and 4A- Elba High School, became the don Montgomery, of Emanuel son; Renaldo McClain, of Andalu- Eufaula, was named "Player of the Ware and New Brockton's Kellen season resignation of Marlon John- Pleasant Home; Cleveland Lilly, of rick Chitty, of Abbeville; Hillard Knight was named "Coach of the

6A last weekend, with Elba's Tim Tigers' head coach after the mid- Christian; Bobby Coleman, of sia; Derek Davis, of Daleville; Der- Year," while Abbeville's Moses

# Ware, a 6-6, junior, scored 26.2 The complete "Super 12" in 1A-Dunn was named "Coach of the Watkins Award" winner for efforts in spring football practice at UWA

LIVINGSTON——-The University of West Alabama football team wrapped up the first Spring Training of the new millennium Saturday ernoon with a situational scrimmage, and Tiger head coach Bobby hns was much more pleased with what he saw than he was this time a

Our scrimmage was just so much better," said Johns. "We made a lot of ogress this week. Today was pretty encouraging after being so disapinted last week Johns was particularly pleased with junior quarterback Keith Trimew, phomore receiver Shawn Brown and senior fullback D'Undray Peter-

Trimew has been very impressive since he took over the starting job," noted Johns. "He's throwing much better and I believe our passing game going to be much improved. Brown caught the ball well and made a uple of nice blocks."

Peterson was the winner of the annual "Red Watkins Award" which bes annually to the Tiger that exhibits the most desire, dedication and portsmanship during Spring Training. D'Undray is just a first-class citizen," said Johns. "He is a hard-nosed otball player, who peformed well today and all Spring. He is very

serving of this award." Touchdowns in the scrimmage came on runs of three and five yards by eterson, a 16-yard run by Trimew, a 33-yard pass from Mark Heaton to ussell Cornelius, a one-yard run by Heaton, runs of six and five yards by ott Statdhagen, an 11-yard reverse by Kerry Thomas and a four-yard

n by Carlos Jones. Cornelius also had an excellent day kicking the football, nailing field pals of 35, 36, 36, 47, 47, 32, and 33 yards. On the other hand, the Tiger fense blocked four field goal attempts..

### Tee Ball Baseball - Coach Pitch Baseball Dixie Minor Baseball - Dixie Youth Baseball Dixie Boys Baseball **SCHEDULES**

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7:15 - Spinners vs. Blaze Monday, April 24 (Hawkins-Williams Field #3) 6:00 - Clippers vs. Blue Sox 7:15 - Paw Sox vs. Rock Hounds

6:00 - River Cats vs. Rock Hounds

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Wednesday, April 26 (Hawkins-Williams Field #3) 7:15 - Work Release vs. Elba

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Thursday, April 20

14 and Under Girls Softball - Mens Softball 6:00 - Sox vs. Braves 7:45 - Rays vs. Yankees Friday, April 21

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Monday, April 24 In Elba, 6:00 - Marlins vs. Rays 7:45 - Phillies vs. Sox Tuesday, April 25 In Elba, 6:00 - Braves vs. Pirates

7:45 - Royals vs. Yankees **DIXIE BOYS BASEBALL** (All Elba games at Legion Field -Luverne games at Rec Park - Brantley games at Rec Park - Highland Home games at High School -

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strate the exact location involved. The

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PC-00-32

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 5th day of April, 2000, by the Hon. William O. Gammill Judge of the Probate

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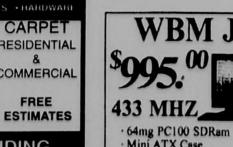
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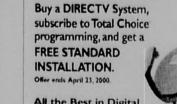
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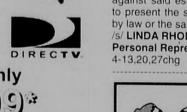














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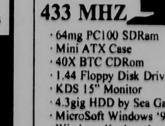
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APPROXIMATELY 90 decennts of James Duncan and Willie Anna Brown Davis gathered in Elba the weekend of April 8 and 9 for a reunion. Pictured above with Lena Fuller, seated, (eldest surviving of nine children) are 20 of the 34 grandchildren.

American Red Cross to hold Safety Class

Class Schedule for April 2000. April 25, there will be an Infant & Early registration is required. To

Class from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. The April 27, there will be a First Aid The Coffee County chapter is locat-

price is \$30 which includes the class from 5:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. ed at 711 W. Crawford St., Enter-

Second Annual Sausage Festival set for May 13th in Elba

The Elba Chamber of Commerce and crafts, recipe contests, a car bors and join us at the Second

invites one and all to join the crowd show, etc. There will also be plenty Annual Old Time County Fair and

and the fun at Tiger Stadium in Elba of entertainment and food, especial- Sausage Festival, May 13, at Elba's

on Saturday, May 13, from 10 a.m. ly that delicious sausage from Kel- Tiger Stadium (located on the Elba

Old Time County Fair and Sausage Then, at 5 p.m., find a good seat For more information, contact

Festival. There will be plenty of and sit back and enjoy the sound of Kaye Whitworth at the Elba Cham-

games & activities for the young good 'ole gospel music as the day ber of Commerce at (334) 897-

Brantley students grade 1 - 6 read over 19,000 books

The students in grades 1-6 at books read by May 5, which is the second with 679 books and 478.9

Brantley School have read a total of final day for Accelerated Reader. points. Mrs. Chandler's second

19,288 books and accumulated During the fifth six weeks, the grade class placed third in number

14,749 points during this school students read 4,590 books and of books read with 418 and Mrs.

year. The top reader is Courtney earned 3,317 points. Mrs. Johnson's Hall's fifth grade class placed third

Strops, Mrs. Johnson's third grade third grade class placed first with in number of points with 400.1.

The book for the Community prise, inside the Civic Center.

City School complex).

On Saturday, April 22, there will Child CPR class from 5:30 p.m. register please call the Coffee be a Community First Aid & Safety until 9:30 p.m., and on Thursday, County Chapter office at 347-2461.

announces its Coffee County Safety p.m. until 9:30 p.m. On Tuesday. All class fees are \$15.

The American Red Cross be an Adult CPR class from 5:30 \$15.

On Monday, April 24, there will First Aid & Safety class will cost

and the old to include: a tug-o-war closes out with a gospel singing 3125.

petitions, children's activities, arts So, bring your friends and neigh-

class, with 450 points. The stu- 1084 books and 780.2 points. Ms.

dents' goal is to have over 20,000 Perdue's third grade class placed

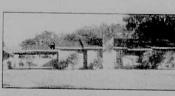
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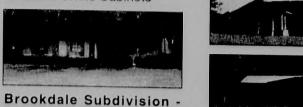
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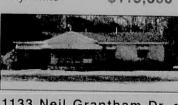
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# County Commissioners discuss pay raises & pending court cases

sent time - one being the omnibus already been passed, it's already Burns. pay bill passed by the state legisla- law, ya'll just have to ratify it."

Funds for the pay raises are to be adoptions, which require a lot of er to replace Ms. Byrd.

ers to appear before them and give Judge Gammill said.

of recording, the cost for court day's meeting. these fees were adjusted in any way done within the week.

to \$45,000 annually in Coffee Blair. Judge Gammill noted that every missed.

McBride to just accept that and be

done with school, but he had other

"You can't really do anything

with that (certificate of atten-

dance)," said McBride. "You can't

go to college or join the army. It's

Ms. Judith Tucker, Mr. Mike Carn- plete vet.

place, but that's not for me."

plans for his future.

ed to helping him.

to \$75.

find in the probate office in terms taken by the commission in Mon- received to date and 6 of the applioperations, individual actions in the Turning to other "court" related During the general business sesfor these particular functions," said attorney was instructed to file for a the west side of Dothan. Judge Gammill. "The last time summary judgment and this is to be Commissioner Tom Grimsley

was about twenty-five years ago." A recent ruling in the case was concerning a new contract that he "In looking at all the fees that handed down by Circuit Judge had supposedly requested. He were adjusted, these are all fairly William R. Gordon, of Mont- asked Commission Chairman Kayo reasonable and moderate and even gomery County, stating that Mrs. Lewis if this was something that small in some cases," he added. McGrath-Love was an employee of needed to be addressed or acted on. Judge Gammil estimated, based the county at the time she was dison given data, that the fee increas- missed from her position as a juve- Mobley told Grimsley that he was es would generate between \$42,000 nile officer by District Judge Steven not asking for a new contract at the County. He added, "I believe the 
It was further noted in the judge's 
When asked by Grimsley to

out of 67 counties in which the Cassady noted that the county had me by another county." standing that it is all or none in relief in connection with the recent

not good for much unless you want

Pictured above (I-r) are: Sylvia Padgett, Thomas McBride, Ricky Carlile,

McBride said he felt as though he his high school diploma, and he ment officer," said McBride.

knew he could pass the exam, but took the necessary steps to ensure "Whether I get there or not, I don't

chance. He got both at Elba High As part of his learning experi- And, on Monday of this week, he

"I really appreciate these people as a visitor every morning and a student but as an educator him-

he needed some help and another that he would achieve his goal. know, but I'm going to try."

expressed his gratitude to Mr. was a wonderful stopping point in them about my experience."

She said McBride was dedicated plans to major in criminal justice. me back in."

to passing the exam and attaining "I would like to be a law enforce-

ley, Mr. Steve Parker and Mrs. Har- Since passing the exit exam, more than willing to help them.

and Mike Carnley.

for helping me out," said McBride. attended classes just like regular self.

by Marvin MclLwain, Editor connection to the bill. "You have to dismissal of the county's Chief accept the whole bill or none of the Real Property Appraiser Angela The Coffee County Commission, bill. You can't accept the fees and Byrd. It was filed on Friday, April in its regular bi-monthly meeting, not have the pay raise, nor can you 14, in the Enterprise Division of dealt with several pressing issues accept the pay raises and decline Coffee County Circuit Court by facing the commission at the pre- fees - I think it's all one bill. It has Revenue Commissioner Ronnie

It has been Mr. Burns' contention When asked by Commissioner that the commission did not have The bill purposes a pay increase Doug Dalrymple which fees took the right to dismiss Ms. Byrd after for the county commissioners, sher- the biggest hike, Judge Gammill a blood test came back positive foliff, probate judge, revenue commis- responded that the ones that stood lowing her arrest on March 1 for sioner, tax assessor, tax collector, out in his mind was conservator- DUI (Driving Under the Influence). license commissioner, and elected ships and guardianships which He further disagrees that the county assistant tax assessor or collector. increased by \$22 per action, and has the authority to hire an appraisgenerated by increases in probate time and work, increased from \$20 Circuit Judge Gary McAliley

ruled that the petition for declarato-Probate Judge William O. Gam- In summation, "I see nothing ry judgment will be heard; howevmill was asked by the commission- unreasonable in the fee increases," er, he denied the motion for injunctive relief clearing the way for the them a brief overview as to what There is no deadline for the comthe impact of the bill would be on mission to ratify or reject the bill; County Administrator Wilson however, if ratified, it takes effect at Mobley told commissioners that 38 "The fees we're talking about are the beginning of the fiscal year fol- applications for the chief real propthe fees that you would normally lowing ratification. No action was erty appraiser's job have been

cants are state certified. court, copies and all the things that matters, the commission took sion from the commissioners, the are set forth in the Code of Alaba- action concerning the \$1.5 million commission voted unanimously to ma with a specific price that we lawsuit filed against the county by formally support the construction have to charge in the probate office Eva McGrath-Love. The county's of an I-10 connector (corridor) on

questioned the county administrator

total amount of raises for every- ruling that she had missed two steps explain the document, Mobley body under the omnibus pay bill in her petition for a grievance hear-responded, "That was some inforwas somewhere around \$40,000." ing, and it is upon this basis that the mation that the chairman had asked In correcting some of the erro- county, through its attorney, is ask- me to gather on what other county neous information about the bill, ing for that the lawsuit be dis- administrators were being paid that had the same amount of time of county in the state is not having to 
In regard to the county's other 
employment as I have. And, it was go through this. There are only 8 "legal battle," County Attorney Joe all due to an offer that was made to

MORE BALLPARK FUNDS... State Senator Jimmy Holley and State Representative Terry Spicer recently presented a check for \$10,000 to the Coffee County Board of Education to be used in the construction of a baseball field at Zion Chapel High School. Several months ago, a check for \$25,000 was also presented to the Board for this purpose. As recently as last Monday, April 24, plans are being looked at to review the proposed site of the natural bowl and possibly move to higher ground and construct two fields instead of one. The fields will not only be used by the school but will also be made available to the community. Pictured above are (1-r): font row Rep. Spicer, Tera Grant (ZC student), Marcus Taylor (ZC student), and Coffee County Commissioner Linda Westbrook; back row - Senator Holley, Zion Chapel Principal Richard Littleton, and Supt. Rodger Bowden.

# County BOE members stand firm on present non-curriculum club policy

of the Coffee County Board of Edu- the board. request by the Believers In Christ. for a period of time each month committee.

Addressing the board as a friend ment, encouragement, and related July 21. He noted that the session is and supporter of the Believers In purposes. That is our simple for remedial make-up only and is Christ was Larry Dickey. He asked request," said Dickey. that the board grant the club time to 
After quite some time of discus- ject or for students who have had meet during school hours (instruc- sion, with each side trying to make scheduling problems during the tional time) due to the fact that sev- their position clear to the other, regular school term. Summer eral students had expressed a desire Board Chairman Charles Walker school is at no cost to the students to participate in the club but could responded to Mr. Dickey's request. in the county system. not do so because they ride the bus "We have in place a good policy. Students will be accepted on a to school. At the present time, the Prayer in school is not the issue first-come, first-serve basis, with

in school facilities. at least once a month during the policy at this time."

these meetings.

appearing on their behalf, stating extremely hard and worked with Other actions taken by the board that due to the present laws govern- me," said Moates. "I was well consisted of the following: ing board policy, it is not possible pleased with them." for the board to grant their request. This year the textbooks being custodian of Coffee County Board Mr. Dickey, during a very lengthy reviewed were in the area of lanpresentation to the board members, guage arts. All the state adopted ...Approved out-of-county travel went over, once again, those issues books were approved by the local supposedly surrounding the group's committee. Moates noted that there Please See BOE Page 3 request to meet on campus during instructional time. He presented a petition signed by more than 720 county residents asking that the board grant the Believers In

Christ's request. Danny Jernigan, vice-chairman of the board, asked Mr. Dickey if those to whom the petition was presented for signing were fully aware ence, McBride said he checked in returned to Elba High School not as of the legal ramifications and other circumstances that could arise should the board grant the group's "I couldn't have done it without students. He would take books "Mrs. Boyd called me and said request. home to study, and the teachers there were two or three students Jernigan pointed out that should

He said he owes a great deal to would work one-on-one with him. that didn't pass the exam, and she the board honor the request of this everyone at the school for giving Padgett said she was so excited asked if I would come and talk to group it could open the door for him the opportunity to continue his when they got the news that them," said McBride. "Maybe I can other less desirable groups to ask education, but he especially McBride had passed the exam. It help someone else out by talking to that they be afforded the same Ricky Carlile, Mrs. Sylvia Padgett, his journey, but the trip is not com- After all the help he has received ed out that students could be opportunity to meet. He also pointfrom the school, he said he was excluded from meeting with the group if their average grade riet Boyd for the time they dedicat- McBride has been awarded his high "I could probably go around all dropped below 70 in their class school diploma which is being day shaking hands and thanking work. Alabama's Academics First "Thomas is one of our success mailed to him. He has already reg- people here," McBride said. "These law requires ALL students belongstories," said Mrs. Padgett. an Eng- istered to attend college at Enter- people here really do care for the ing to school clubs maintain a 70 prise State Junior College where he students. They cared enough to let grade average in order to participate in its activities - meetings, etc. Following reference to another

petition (containing 69 names) were no controversial issues originated by the students them-involved in the approved textbooks.

Zion Chapel High School, that they club, Believers In Christ at Zion mendation on summer school to the

are allowed to meet on campus and meet during instructional time," he room and adequate staffing. On at least two prior occasions, protect instructional time and edu- proposed school calendar for the Glenn Reeder has appeared before cate children. I applaud these year 2000-2001. It calls for school the school board seeking approval young people in their efforts, but 1 to begin on August 1, 2000, and for the Believers In Christ to meet do not see us [the board] changing end on June 1, 2001. instructional time thus allowing any Turning to other matters, the almost 99 percent approval by the student wishing to do so to attend board heard a report and recom- facility and students when it was mendation from Tom Moates and presented to them. Each time, the board has denied the textbook committee.

Last Thursday's monthly meeting selves. Dickey made his request to Upon the recommendation of Moates and Superintendent Rodger cation (BOE) centered around a "Mr. Superintendent, Mr. Chair- Bowden, the board accepted the discussion concerning another man, we request that you provide recommendations of the textbook anon-curriculum prayer club at during school hours for the prayer Moates also presented a recom-

be allowed to meet during instruc- Chapel High School, to meet for board. The proposal calls for school organization, planning, manage- to start on June 7 and conclude on for students who have failed a sub-

club holds its meetings in the morn-here. It is whether or not non-cur-students from area schools being ing prior to the start of school. They riculum clubs should be allowed to allowed to attend provided there is

said. "We, the board, are bound to Dr. Linda Ingram presented the She noted that the calendar had

The board unanimously approved the group's request, or rather those "The textbook committee worked" the 2000-2001 school calendar. ...Designated Glenda Glass as

ANNUAL RELAY FOR LIFE The Coffee County American Cancer Society's Annual Relay for Life is scheduled for Friday, April 28, from 7 p.m. until 7 a.m. on the ESJC track. 70 teams have committed to paracipate in this year's event. At 10 p.m. a special "luminary service" will ake place with approximately 7,000 luminaries being lit to honor caner survivors and in memory of those who have lost their battle with

and all to join the crowd and the fun at Tiger Stadium in Elba on Saturecipe contests, a car show, etc. A gospel singing will follow the festival eginning at 5 p.m. For more information, contact Kaye Whitworth at

D.A.R.E. GRADUATION The Elba Elementary School's D.A.R.E. Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program will hold its graduation exercises on Friday. April 28, at 9:00 a.m. in the school's cafetorium. All parents of the graduating D.A.R.E. students are invited to attend the

SAUSAGE FESTIVAL The Elba Chamber of Commerce invites one

day, May 13, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. for the Second Annual Old Time County Fair and Sausage Festival. There will be plenty of games & activities for the young and the old to include: a tug-o-war contest, a sack race, children's competitions, children's activities, arts and crafts, the Elba Chamber of Commerce at (334) 897-3125.

in Geneva Compatriot John R. Wallace will speak on genealogical research on the Internet citing his personal research when members of the Wiregrass Chapter, Sons of the

American Revolution meet at 11:30 a.m. April 20 in Geneva. Members and guests will meet in the Devco Restaurant, Highway 27 South and will discuss a proposed project honoring four Revolution-



commissions have to affirm the pay been served (Monday morning) He told Grimsley that he hadd to raise bill before it takes effect. with a petition for declaratory judg-He added that it is his under- ment and a motion for injunctive Please See CCC Page 3

Determined young man achieves goal by Linda Hodge, Staff Writer When Thomas McBride walked across the stage during Elba High School's 1999 Commencement Exercises last May, he received a Certificate of Attendance instead of his high school diploma because he had not been able to pass the high school graduation exit exam. It would have been easy for

DENTAL CARE FUNDING...The Coffee County Family Services Center is committed to finding a way to provide accessible dental care for children. According to information from the Family Services Center, there are approximately 7,000 children in Coffee and Geneva counties who have never had proper dental care due to the lack of dentists that accept Medicaid patients. Therefore, the Family Services is working to create the Children's Dental Clinic, which will be located at the Coffee County Health Department, to provide much needed dental service to these children. And, as with most things, funding is a major issue in getting this clinic up and running. However, Family Services got closer to handling that issue on Tuesday, April 11, when the Alabama Business Charitable Trust donated \$5,000 towards the implementation of the Children's Dental Clinic. Those attending the presentation were (from left to right): Linda Bryan, Gary Watson, Carolyn Sutley, Sandra Coffey, Judy Crawley executive director of the Family Services Center, Harry Carver, Connie Pate, Sabrina Kelley, Kathy Sauer and

# SAR to meet

Heat Water for 1/2 Dry Clothes for 1/3

